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Unearthing Fort Erie's past



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A team of students from Wilfrid Laurier University excavated through sections of land beside Old Fort Erie along the Niagara Parkway on Friday May 15, 2015. Aaron Fehr works on one of the sections in an area that was once home to an American encampment during a siege between Americans and the British on Aug. 15, 1814.

Alison Langley
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an archeology professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, said Friday as a team of students excavated and sifted through sections of land along the Niagara Parkway.

"We're finding indications of buildings with nails made by blacksmiths and we're finding very early window glass and we're finding food bone as well," Dr. John Triggs, a

British on Aug. 15, 1814.

At the start of the siege, between 2,000 and 2,500 American soldiers were camped at the site.

"We're researching an American camp but we're working in a Canadian soil which is very unusual," Triggs said.

The research project will also look into the estimated 50 to 100 native allies who

participated in the siege.

While the fort played a major role during the War of 1812, items the students are uncovering actually pre-date the war.

"It is a complex site," Triggs explained.

Before the present fort was built in 1865-1867, the area was home to a British fort. Built in 1764, it was located on the river's edge below Old Fort Erie.

The fort served as a supply depot and a port for ships transporting merchandise, troops and passengers to the Upper Great Lakes.

Winter storms caused considerable damage to the little fort and a replacement fort, built south of the earlier one, was also damaged during a storm in early 1803.

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Research to examine estimated 50 to 100 native allies involved in siege between American and British soldiers

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"What we're finding is evidence of buildings that are associated with those early forts," Triggs explained.

The team used geographic information systems technology to determine the best location to dig.

"The GIS allows us to place an old 19th century map

over a modern landscape to locate fixtures," Triggs said.

While the initial work may be high tech, the actual dig is old school.

"Archaeology hasn't

changed in the two centuries archaeology has been practiced," Triggs explained. "We use technology to show us something is there, but you don't know what it is until you actually dig."

All digging is done using hand tools and then the soil is sifted through a screen making it easier to locate any artifacts. Anything found is documented and

will be taken back to the Waterloo university for further study.

The dig is expected to wrap up in early June.

This is Triggs' third dig at the Old Fort.

In 2012, he led a research project into an 800-metre-long American-made earthwork entrenchment that ran from the fort to Snake Hill.

He returned in 2013 to

oversee a dig at the Douglas Battery, located just outside the fort.

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Passion for fashion

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The Ridgeway Lioness Spring Fashion Show held on May 7 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre was a huge success. From left is Linda Rees, fashion show co-chair, Sam Tomlinson wearing JB's fashion, Darlene Nelson dressed in Jay Set fashion and Kim Sals dressed in Three Farris Fashion. The service club would like to thank all of its volunteers and individuals who attended the show.

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Tony Ricciuto Special to The Times

About 500 people were at Marineland on Saturday taking part in their annual opening day demonstration. This is Marineland's 54th season.

Hundreds protest during opening day demonstration at Marineland

Tony Ricciuto

The honking of car horns and shouts that included 'Don'

'buy a ticket' and 'Thanks but no tanks' were heard along Portage Rd. on Saturday during the annual opening day demonstration held outside of Marineland in Niagara Falls.

This is Marineland's 54th season.

Demonstrators began to arrive in the morning and the crowd continued to grow until the early afternoon when it peaked with about 500 participants. There were people of all

ages, including many families who brought along their young children and pets.

The demonstration was hosted by Orca United, a Toronto-based animal advocacy group, along with Mike Garret, a long-time animal

advocate from the Niagara area. The purpose was to raise awareness about the ongoing issue of treatment and captivity of animals residing at Marineland.

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"We are winning and we are not going anywhere, despite a number of lawsuits," said Garrett, who expected to see a crowd of about 400 to 500 people before the day was over.

"Marineland tries to defend their facility, but Queens Park and the legislature are going to pass Bill 80 and that is going to end orca captivity. We are making progress," said Garrett.

Bill 80 is an Act to amend the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act for Research Act with respect to the possession and breeding of orcas and administrative requirements for animal care.

The Act will prohibit any one from the possession and breeding of an orca in Ontario. However, if someone owned an orca in Ontario on March 22, 2015, they may continue to possess that orca.

Prior to the gates opening, the visitors being allowed to go inside the facility, demonstrators lined up along the chain link fence that separates the boulevard from Marineland's parking lot. They tried to get people's attention who were getting ready to purchase their tickets.

Saturday was family appreciation day at Marineland and children 12 years and under were admitted to the park for free.

"This goes to show how desperate they are to get people through the gates," said Garrett. "It's kind of ironic that they are standing there in the parking lot and are having to listen to us and that they are our captive audience."

It was so often a cheer would go up from the group when they would see a family leave the line and go back to their cars and leave the parking lot.

"We don't want to see marine mammals in captivity," said Mini Krishnan, executive director for Orca United. "Now that Bill 80 is on the horizon it is time to keep pushing forward and to really show government officials that certain things are not acceptable."

Krishnan said they don't want to see Marineland close its doors, they want to see it change its business model regarding their animals.

Some of the signs being carried by demonstrators stated: For the love of animals, close out this facility and captivity, end cruelty, and also animal exploitation is not entertainment.

One demonstrator, dressed as a mermaid, who has attended before from Toronto and calls herself Mermaid Lexi said the new orca bill doesn't really protect dolphins, we still have a long way to go when dealing with animals in captivity.

"Small steps are being taken, but some of the

animals have been at Marineland for 40 years so it's definitely not fair for them to be in there," said Lexi.

Donna Lucas, a demonstrator from Hamilton who attended with her daughter, said it's terrible that these animals go through just for entertainment. I love animals, who doesn't? Younger people seem to be getting it more than some older people. Last year we had one person say 'don't look at those crazy people' but the younger people were reading our signs, taking things in, and you could see the confusion on their faces."

Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Bill Schoenhalz, who has worked at the event for a

number of years directing traffic and crowd control, estimated the attendance at about 1 p.m. to be about 450 people.

A spokesperson from Marineland could not be reached for a comment by press time on Saturday, but the statement that is listed on their website, and which they have always maintained in the past, says "There is no greater priority for Marineland than the health and welfare of all of its animals, including its marine mammals. We have always, and will always live up to the highest, achievable, science-based standards in the world."

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and Niagara's public health department.

The program was started to prevent prescription drugs from being sold on the street. In its 10th year, the NRP said after several years of running the program, the public is getting the message that they need to dispose of their unused prescription medication. Pharmacies are reporting more people are bringing in unused medication for disposal, police say.

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Point of View

Where's Wynne on rising hydro rates?

The question is simple. It was asked by 200 protesters at Queen's Park last Wednesday on behalf of millions of Ontarians who want to know the answer.

What is Premier Kathleen Wynne going to do about skyrocketing electricity rates caused by Liberal incompetence on the hydro file?

Right now, Ontarians are caught in the middle of a 42% jump in hydro rates from 2014 to 2018 that is driving up to 700,000 low-income households into energy poverty, where families spend at least 10% of their income simply powering their homes.

Industrial hydro users face a 33% hike, partly responsible for the loss of 300,000 manufacturing jobs.

In 2011, then auditor-general Jim McCarter reported electricity rates would rise by an average 7.9% annually from 2011 to 2015, with 56% of the increase due to the Liberals' multi-billion-dollar investment in unreliable and expensive wind and solar power.

Examples of Liberal waste driving up hydro rates are everywhere.

They admit they blew up to \$1.1 billion cancelling two gas plants to retain a handful of seats in the 2011 election.

They bungled the introduction of smart meters, underestimating the \$1.9-billion installation cost by \$900

million, while overestimating savings by at least \$512 million, according to Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk.

On Jan. 1, hydro rates will rise another \$120 annually for the average family because the Liberals are ending their "Clean Energy Benefit", in effect another \$1 billion annual tax grab.

The Liberals claim selling 60% of Hydro One to the private sector should lower hydro rates, without explaining how.

Meanwhile, Hydro One's billing system to its customers is in such chaos that it's been condemned twice by Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin.

One place the Liberals could start saving money is by ending further spending on wasteful, unreliable wind and solar power when Ontario has an energy surplus.

There's no environmental benefit either, because the Liberals didn't replace coal-fired electricity with wind and solar power as they claim, but with non-emitting nuclear power and low-emitting natural gas.

Enough is enough. The Liberals need to listen to those protesters who camped outside Queen's Park and abandon their failed policies that are driving up hydro rates and costing jobs.

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Do You Remember?



We received no calls about last week's photo of Bill Owens taken at a bingo, so it will go back into the unidentified people binders here at the Museum. Thanks to Jeff Sider for phoning in about the previous week's photo. This children's bowling league used to bowl at the Parkway Lanes on Niagara Boulevard (located next to the King Edward Hotel). The photo shows them receiving their trophies at a ceremony held at Firehall No. 1 on Bertie St. In the back row, Jeff is the boy far right and the girl far left between Duane Fetz and Bruce Thompson. Is Sandra Knowles?

This week's photo shows wolf cubs during planting season. If you recognize anyone in the photo or even yourself, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Letter to the Editor

Allow prayers before meetings

Last month, I was very disappointed to learn of the Supreme Court's decision in *Mouvement laïque Québécois v. Saguenay (City)*, (2015). The court argues that a Christian invocation violates the rights of Canadian citizens to freedom of religion. The appellant is a Quebec organization that promotes freedom of conscience. However, this ruling promotes anything but freedom. It is simply anti-Christian.

If we are forced to

remove the Lord our

God, whom many Na-

gara residents worship, then how is this law promoting freedom? If the council of a municipality is composed of Christians, haven't they got the right to invoke their God during the meetings?

How can we say that anything is invoked when we are not allowed to mention any gods? And more importantly, would any god come to the council meetings when no one is invoked? The new invocation would be wasted breath without acknowledgement of the Lord. Why not allow it to a council that abandons Him? But I am willing to wager that the Corporation of the Town of

Fort Erie will not survive another century at this rate. This place will soon be a ghost town.

The old people who retire here will die miserably because their children and grandchildren will not care enough to help them. My generation has already abandoned this place, and now I feel that they were right to leave. The only people in this town who have helped me are born-again Christians. If this town wants to abandon their saviour, then there will soon be nothing left to save in this place.

MICHAEL GUNN FORT ERIE

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Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library to host barbecue on May 30

Kingsman: the Secret Service is a comedy action adventure about a secret spy organization that recruits a rough but promising street kid into the agency's competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from an evil tech genius.

This movie is based on the graphic novels by Dave Gibbons and Mark Millar, who also created the Kick-Ass series. Matthew Vaughn, the director, is responsible for the X-Men: First Class film. This story has plenty of action, thrills, laughs, and you can't beat the cast, which includes Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Samuel L. Jackson, Michael Caine and Mark Hamill. Kingsman, which is rated 14A, is playing tonight at 6:30 at the Centennial branch, and Tuesday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

There is a group of adults who gather monthly to consider and carry out projects to help the library through advocacy and fundraising. The Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library will be holding a barbecue on Saturday, May 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Fort Erie Public Library
Amy Roebuck

at the Fort Erie Sobey's, 450 Garrison Road in Fort Erie. Join us for hot dogs and hamburgers, learn about the Friends and help support our local library!

The last week in May is a busy week for children and teens at the library. Stories for 2s and 3s is a program for ages 18 months and older, busy with lots of reading, writing, talking, singing and playing, all activities which help to develop language and other important skills. These make it easier for children to read once they begin school. Stories will be holding their last three sessions of the season, on Monday, May 25 at 10:45 a.m. at the Stevensville branch, on Tuesday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch, and on Wednesday, May 27 at Crystal Ridge. Stories for 2s and 3s is free, and no registration is needed.

Therapy Tails at the Centennial branch on Saturday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. and a Lego building and Rainbow Loom session at the Centennial branch on Monday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. start off the week. The Harry Potter Club meets at the Centennial branch, and on May 27 at 3:30 p.m., Herbology will be in session. If you are in grade 4 and up, drop by to plant some magical greens and see what comes up. A \$2 fee pays for materials. A homeschool library club will be offered at the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday, May 27, beginning at 3:30 p.m. May 28 will be the teen lounge, starting at 3:30 at the Centennial branch. A great group of teens has been having fun each month with music, food, friends and videogames at Teen Lounge. Every Thursday, knitters ages 8 to 14 are welcome to gather at the Crystal Ridge branch, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library, www.feplc.ca.

Join the community World Refugee Day is celebrated on June 19

Have you ever felt the need to flee a situation that you are being pushed into something you do not agree with, someone has been harassing you, or you feel afraid and you just want out?

These, and many other reasons, are how many people have felt as they cross the border into Canada. This is not new; it has been taking place for hundreds of years, especially in our own town.

Fort Erie has been a crossing point for people seeking refuge since the late 1700's and continues to be a border of hope for many today. Our town has a story to tell, a story unlike any other that impacts the lives of thousands across the globe. It is a story that is rich in success, intrigue, failure, and in forever changing the lives of those who have dared dream for something better, something more.

This dream for something better and something more began before the War of 1812. It began with the natives and the Europeans who were loyal to the British government and came to Canada from the United States. In 1779, one of the first persons to come to Fort Erie as a 'refugee' was Robert Land.

His name is known throughout the region and his story will be shared in a later article but his journey begins an ongoing phenomenon of people seeing Fort Erie as a place of safety and a chance for a new start. His crossing marked the beginning of the Quakers and plain-clothed pacifists coming to Canada through Fort Erie and the Niagara area.

These groups wanted to live simple, peaceful lives and believed that because they did not support either side during the American Revolution, they could find such lives here in Fort Erie. Similarly, after slavery was abolished here in 1794, those who had escaped slavery followed the North Star across Niagara and began to settle in this area, calling it home.

Robert Land, the Quakers, the plain-clothed pacifists, and escaped slaves are just a few examples of people who have sought Fort Erie and the Niagara region as a place of refuge. They each have a place in the history of the refugee highway that passes through Fort Erie and provide the first stepping-stones for a border that continues to provide hope to many from around the world who are seeking refuge.

The definition of

refugee has changed many times since that first known crossing in the late 1700s and today it is defined by the United Nations as someone who, owing to a fear of being persecuted for things such as race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside of the country of their nationality, and is unable to or unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of a country due to such fears. This definition applies to those whom have sought safety at the doorsteps of Fort Erie in the past, and for those who continue to arrive here each year.

Persecution comes in many forms, as do the types of people who come to our border each year seeking safety and a chance to start again. On average, the Welcome Centre at the Peace Bridge sees 1600 people seeking refugee status in Canada. Many of these people are doctors, lawyers, government representatives, chefs, entrepreneurs, educators, ministers – people just like us. Not all will win their hearings that determine who is or is not a refugee, not all should -- but many seeking refuge often say that there is no better place than Fort Erie to begin that journey.

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Student competes for Team Ontario

Josh Thomas Special to The Times

Katrina Waters has had a golden year at Fort Erie Secondary School and she's just getting started.

Waters, a Grade 11 student, will compete for Team Ontario at Skills Canada, in Saskatoon, in the category of baking at the end of this month.

Waters earned that honour by first taking home a gold medal at the regional level, beating out all other candidates from the District School Board of Niagara.

From there, Waters went to the provincial competition in Waterloo. She competed in an

eight-hour competition, baking shortbread, cakes, lemon meringue pie and more, all from scratch while under a strict time limit.

Waters competed against 24 other school districts, earning the right to represent Ontario and Fort Erie in Saskatoon.

This is the second time in 11 years that a student from Fort Erie has made it to the national level. Fort Erie Secondary School also won the gold medal in every category at the Niagara College Cook-off and Waters took home a \$1,000 scholarship because of her performance there.

Culinary teacher Afshin

Keyvani is proud of the many accolades his students, including Waters, have received.

"This has been a golden year for us at Fort Erie Secondary School," he said.

Waters wasn't something that happened overnight. According to Keyvani, Waters has been at it for "a long time."

"She's been coming in here to practice since she was in Grade 5 or 6," Keyvani said. "She has gotten better and better at it."

Last year, Waters got first taste of success when she took home a gold medal at the regional level and came 5th in the province. Now, she has the chance to be

named best in Canada and move on to compete in international competition in Brazil.

This is enough to make anyone nervous, but Waters is taking it all in stride.

"She's very confident because we practice every day," said Keyvani. "We're here going over our strategy, this is all about preparation and mindset. We work on it every day."

Keyvani added this is important because it isn't often Fort Erie is represented on a national level like this. "This is huge because we're a small town in Fort Erie, she competed against schools from huge cities, London, Ottawa, Toronto, and she was the best," said Keyvani.

Win or lose in Saskatoon, Keyvani said Waters has already made Fort Erie proud.



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Jason Haywood Special to The Times
Fort Erie Secondary School's Katrina Waters will compete in the baking category for Team Ontario at the Skills Canada competition in Saskatoon as the end of this month.



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Virgil Stampede packs the park

For the 49th time, the Virgil Stampede brought hundreds of people out to the Virgil Sports Park over the weekend.

The annual favourite offered a laundry list of events ranging from the opening concert and closing fireworks to midway games and rides, children's activities like face painting and karaoke, a mud bogging competition and enough food to feed a small city.

About 250 volunteers helped run the event.

"We had a kick-off concert that went reasonably well, the weather has been great and the afternoon crowds have been phenomenal," said Richard Wall, president of the Virgil Business Association.

The stampede is the major fundraiser for

the Virgil Business Association, a group composed of local businesspeople and former business owners.

Since its inception nearly a half-century ago, the association has raised more than a million dollars for area projects.

This year, they hoped to raise \$35,000 to 40,000, about the same as last year.

"We are the lead fundraiser for sports and recreation in the area," said Wall. "All of the money goes back into the community in one way or another."

The St. Catharines Standard, Niagara Falls Review and Welland Tribune are proud sponsors of this community event.



A mud boggie takes a run through the mud pit during the Mud Run at the 49th Annual Virgil Stampede at the Virgil Sports Park Grounds in Virgil, On., on Saturday, May 16, 2015.



Ava Serluca, 4, and her brother Matteo Serluca, 5, of Niagara-on-the-Lake play a game of Whac-A-Mole at the 49th Annual Virgil Stampede.



Rebecca Gauld (centre) and Logan Donoghue (left) go for a bumpy ride on the bumper cars.



Ken Fidler congratulates Gracie Cherney, 6, of Virgil, while her father Aaron Cherney looks on, after she won the basketball game at the 49th Annual Virgil Stampede.

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Allergies

are a modern epidemic

By Dr. Chakib Hammoud, M.H., PhD.

What people experience

■ I tried numerous other remedies all my life that were not effective.

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Actual experiences from real people: ■ Refuse gave me a sore throat and I could not sing in the church choir anymore. After taking Bell Acidic Stomach Alkaline Balance, I have no more reflux and rejoice in singing again. Helene Gross, 65, Zebulon, QC ■ **Have family history of heartburn.** For the last ten years I suffered a lot with acid reflux. I took all of my family members about Acidic Stomach Alkaline Balance, needed anymore. Michael Farber, 46, Port Credit, C4 ■ **Heartburn, acid reflux, stomach trouble for many years.** Doctors gave me different pills, but I had no lasting relief. I had every test known to man. I really relied to a health food store and they said Bell Acidic Stomach/Alkaline Balance really works. I sure do. I had my husband and son take it and they all had the same results. I can even eat spicy food with no problems. Verna Cork, 60, London, ON ■ **Boiling in my stomach, bloating, heartburn, and even my teeth were affected.** Within two days of taking Bell Acidic Stomach/Alkaline Balance, I had relief. Floyd D. Davis, 62, Dunham Springs, LA ■ **pH balance needed to be adjusted!** I have a Health Food Certificate. Bell Acidic Stomach/Alkaline Balance has helped me. I am aware of most people having a acidic body, which is a breeding ground for many illnesses. Preventing diseases is something that is not taught in medical schools. I've told many people about testing their pH balance. Especially older people should be more concerned. I also telling people to use the Bell Supreme Immune Booster. These two products were a great help to me personally. Maureen Arthur, 73, Victoria, BC



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Preparations underway for first show at Bell Tower Sanctuary

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We are heavy at work also at the Bell Tower Sanctuary to get everything ready for our first show ever at the new space. It's a very invigorating process - let me tell you.

Hollerado and Pkew Pkew are just as excited as we are to get the place hopping and rocking. I hope you had a chance to check them both out in case you missed them on the radio or MuchMusic. Better buy your tickets as soon as possible as the show is selling fast.

The lovely ladies Lindsay and Ariane are celebrating Zumba's three year anniversary on May 23. We are so happy you picked The Sanctuary as your home base. Planned is a two-hour session with lots of Zumba fun, sweat and prizes.

One of the most iconic



Nadine Pizzicarola

Canadian bands from the late 80s is coming to Ridgeway on May 29.

I really hope my husband is not going to be too star struck as it is one of his favourite bands. In their long and very successful career lasting into the present, Skycladgers released 17 albums. Nicely done, guys.

This show will be seated, so tickets are limited and selling fast, just saying.

Are you looking for a great night out and doing something good at the same time? Come to The Sanctuary on June 13 and experience an evening you won't forget! Ash and Bloom are a much loved duo whose sound has been compared to that generation's Simon and Garfunkel.

Their pitch perfect harmonies and fun loving spirit have captured audiences around the world. Check them out for yourselves at

www.ashandbloom.com. Will Rowe, a local favourite, will start the evening of festivities with his original compositions that are sure to entertain. The ladies of Marafiki who are putting on this wonderful event, worked tirelessly to put together a silent auction for you with plenty of great items from wine to spa treatments and much more.

Marafiki, which means friends in Swahili, is a group of women from the Greater Fort Erie area who have a strong mutual interest in the work that the Stephen Lewis Foundation is doing. The Stephen Lewis Foundation is working with community-based organizations in their fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Since 2003, they have funded over 1100 initiatives, partnering with over 300 community-based organizations in 15 countries.

Marafiki is raising funds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmother to Grandmother initiative supporting African grandmothers who have stepped in to care for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. This is such a great cause and we are so

proud to be able to be part of this.

Tickets can be purchased locally at Brimstone Brewery, Brimstone Insurance, The Flying Squirrel, The Singing Siren and Trailside Bar and Grill or online through Ticketscene.

The Fort Erie Art Council has been hard at work to create an Art Summer Camp - Art-X-Eteria - to be held at The Bell Tower Sanctuary. The camp will run from July 6 to July 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please inquire about available early and after care. The activities will range from drawing, print making to drama activities and games. Lots of fun for children between 5 and 13 years of age for only \$150/ week.

Members of the Fort Erie Arts Council will receive a discount.

All you have to do - besides signing up of course - is bring a lunch for your child. For more information and to register please email fortierarts council@gmail.com or call 905 894 8373.

Nadine Pizzicarola is the event coordinator for the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

Scouring Rush has a variety of uses

That's right, no flowers or bird articles this time.

It's a strange plant that the late Bert Miller, famed naturalist, showed us at May's Wildflower Walk.

There was no Love's Tail in those days, so we walked the path close to the lake.

There they were—a big area of strange looking reed-like plants. Bert stopped and said "Scouring rush. Later, the heads of them will sprout out. They also call them Horses tail."

After he spoke, Bert did something I have never forgotten. He pulled up two or three of the plants. The fibrous root brought with it a large clump of sand.

Bert told us that early settlers used the scouring brush to clean their greasy pans.

Note: Years later, at Letchworth Nature site on the Genesee River I had just cooked greasy bacon. We had camped next to a patch of Scouring Rush. Yes, it worked as Bert had said it would. As a result, I had a clean frying pan.

It's scientific name, Equisetum, is the only living fossil of the genus



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Earl Plato is a nature lover and resident of Fort Erie.

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Ontario Shorewalk Association celebrates 10 years of efforts to improve access to Great Lakes

Garry Skerrett
Special to The Times

In July of 2005 the Michigan Supreme Court released a decision that lead directly to the formation of the Fort Erie-based Ontario Shorewalk Association.

That Michigan court decision declared that all 5000 km of their Great Lakes shorelines were free of fencing and available as a public right of passage. It seemed only logical and right that the Ontario public should have the same access right to our Great Lakes shorelines.

Within weeks, Shorewalk was formed and began to call for improved access to our lakefront and for the public right of passage on all of our Great Lakes shores.

Our first executive included Doug Taylor as treasurer, Betty VanOsch as membership chair, Peggy Krieger as secretary, Stephen Passer as vice-president and myself as president.

Shortly thereafter, former MPP Kim Craitor met with us and expressed interest in our cause.

When he and I visited a local road allowance beach and he saw at first hand the ridiculous contrast between the very narrow strip of public beach and the seemingly limitless stretches of fenced off waterfront he found it hard to believe.

He immediately became a strong and steadfast supporter and carried our message to the provincial legislature via a private members bill, The Great Lakes Right of Passage Act.



Shorewalk Association Special to the Times

Members of the Ontario Shorewalk Association have been working with former MPP Kim Craitor and current MPP Wayne Gates to improve public access along the Great lakes.

On his last presentation of the bill members from all three parties spoke in its favour but unfortunately ran out before it could reach final reading.

We owe much to Mr. Craitor's efforts

over many years and were certainly disappointed when he resigned from the legislature. His efforts meant that at all times we had some momentum on our Right of Passage agenda.

For Shorewalk, it was very good

news when out new MPP, Wayne Gates, agreed to take up the cause.

Within weeks he will be introducing his Right of Passage Bill to the provincial legislature. We will keep you up to date!

A Fort Erie lakefront fact-Over 95% of our Lake Erie frontage is present inaccessible to the public.

Garry Skerrett is the founder and president of the Ontario Shorewalk Association.



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Headwater hike showcases Short Hills' beauty

Don Fraser
Postmedia Network

A natural Niagara gem was under the spotlight at a weekend nature walk.

On Sunday, the Ontario Headwaters Institute members were lead a headwaters mapping hike through the land of the Short Hills Provincial Park to bring together Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, institute members and local partners and stakeholders.

"To be able to see the park through the eyes of these guys who know the park really well is really going to be a treat for us today," said Dennis Edell, president of the Niagara Chapter of Niagara Trout Unlimited, before heading out.

TROUT Unlimited Canada aims to restore the headwaters for cold water conservation.

"It's a great thing to do with people who are like-minded," said Valerie Grabove, vice-president of the Niagara chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada.

Hikers expected to see a variety of environmental features and learn about the

area headwaters, including local wetlands, small streams and catchment areas.

The walk also aimed to spur action and gather feedback relating to the co-ordinated review of the province's Greenbelt Plan and other land use plans.

"The headwaters of the 12 Mile Creek actually start just outside the park, beneath the Fonthill Kame (a kame is a large, isolated hill caused by the retreating glaciers)," said Anne Kubu, hike co-host and chair of Friends of Short Hills Park.

Here, there is a habitat for trout among other species, "and it can be affected at any time," Kubu said.

"So the headwaters are important as it is nurturing ecosystems and habitats for breeding and feeding," she said. "There is also a natural cover, including the soil and surface geology."

She said: "I'm happy that people are taking an interest in this. I just want more people to know what a jewel we have in Niagara here with this unique space and to treat it with respect."



Members of the Ontario Headwaters Institute led a hike at Short Hills Park Sunday, for local conservation partners. The hike aimed to educate participants on the environmental features and teach them about the importance of the region's headwaters, wetlands, small streams and catchment areas.

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3. What are the risks of crowns?

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Grandmothers bring aid to children in need

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

A group of grandmothers and "grand-others" in the Fort Erie area have been helping to raise funds for those impacted by HIV and AIDS and this year will be no different with a concert fundraiser being held on June 13.

The group, Marafiki (a Swahili for friends), is holding their second annual event at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts with entertainment provided by Ash and Bloom and a silent auction.

The Marafiki group has a strong mutual interest in the work being done by the Stephen Lewis Foundation in

particular, African grandmothers who have stepped in to care for children orphaned due to HIV and AIDS.

With more than 240 grandmother groups, there are always creative ideas for fundraisers happening.

Deb Malcolm, founder of the Fort Erie chapter of the Marafiki group, says last

year's concert was a success, so they decided to try it again this year with Ash and Bloom, who opened for last year's headliner. Ash and Bloom are a duo whose sound has been compared to as this generation's Simon and Garfunkel. Will Rowa, a local favourite, will also start the evening with his original compositions.

The women involved with the group say they work with the Stephen Lewis Foundation because they believe in the cause.

"The money actually goes to the people and empowers the women. It is a hand up not a hand out," says Malcolm.

The group emphasizes that AIDS is not going away just because we do not hear about it so much anymore. Although global funding has dropped, the pandemic still exists - and in Africa - they do not have the support systems like a country like Canada has.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has been delivering resources directly into the hands of

grassroots organizations turning the tide of HIV and AIDS in Africa by providing care and support to women, orphaned children, grandmothers and people living with the disease.

The group also sells fair trade African market baskets to help raise funds and will be sold on June 6 at the Ridgeway Farmer's Market.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at Brimstone Brewery, Robinson Insurance, The Flying Squirrel, The Singing Siren, Trailsides, or online through Ticketscene (www.ticketscene.ca).

For more information on the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, visit www.grandmotherscampaign.org.



Annie Pasquariello Special to The Times

The Fort Erie chapter of Marafiki in support of The Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign will host a fundraising concert in June. From left, are members (front) Laura Pickett, Monica Ross, Deb Malcolm, Joyce Senese, (back) Angi Dickson, Angela Stadelman, Sheri Harper, Barbara Wilkinson, Sharon Millar, Sharon Andrews and Teri Begg.

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Instructors bring artistic flair to the Bell Tower

Annie Pasquarrelio
Special to The Times

Finding fun things to do during the summer break can be a difficult task, especially close to home.

This summer may be different as the Fort Erie Arts Council will be holding its first ever art camp, Art-X-Eteria, at the Bell Tower Sanctuary.

Instructors Melanai Pyke and Melissa Lococo will teach drawing, painting, print making, drama activities and games for kids ages five to 13.

As an art teacher and someone who has always loved art, Lococo says there will also be an opportunity for the children to explore their own creative desires.

Pyke's background is drawing and painting (oil and acrylic), and Lococo's specialty is print.

Both instructors are excited about the prime location where the Bell

Tower Sanctuary is as it is right by the scenic Niagara Park, and the perfect place for inspiration and perfect for outdoor chalk colouring.

Along with Pyke and Lococo, high school students will be volunteering to help with the activities and classes.

The classes will be held July 6 to July 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with early and after care available if needed. The program does need a minimum of 25 children for the program to run. The fee is \$150, which includes materials. A discount for arts council members is available.

For more information or registration, contact artcouncil@outlook.com or 905-894-8373. To see more of Melanai Pyke's work visit www.melpyke.com.

The Bell Tower Sanctuary is located at 575 Central Ave. For more information visit www.belltowersanctuary.com.



Melanai Pyke and Melissa Lococo, art instructors, will host the upcoming art camp being held at the Bell Tower Sanctuary. Classes will be held from July 6 to July 10 for children ages five to 13.

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Rotary Club of Fort Erie honours individuals for their service

Ryan Gaio
Special to The Times

The Rotary Club of Fort Erie recognized four outstanding individuals who exemplify Dickens' message of service to others by presenting them with a prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award.

The Paul Harris Fellow is the Rotary club's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. The award is named in honour of Paul Harris, the Chicago lawyer who began Rotary International with three associates in 1905.

Recipients are decided by an executive committee of club members. Individuals selected to receive the award are considered to be "a person whose life demonstrates a shared commitment with the objective of the Rotary Foundation."

Among this year's recipients were two Rotary members, Perry Heidelberger and John Bartlett. In addition, two awards were given out to Don Edwards and Larry Boggio. While not Rotary members themselves, both men are committed to the Rotary's ideals of good will, peace and understanding. Edwards has graciously served as board member on many notable local health-related organizations, including the Niagara Wheel and AIDS Niagara. In addition to being on the Board of Directors of Bridges Community Health, Boggio is also highly active in local health, kindly serving on the



The Rotary Club of Fort Erie honoured individuals with a ceremony and dinner last Saturday. Recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow included two members, Perry Heidelberger and John Bartlett, and two non-members, Don Edwards and Larry Boggio for their service to the community.

Ryan Gaio Special to The Times

Board of Directors for Niagara Health Systems and Community living, among many other organizations.

Also in attendance were Peter Waytenna, Fort Erie's last original Charter member, as well as notable

luminaries Wayne Gates, MPP and Rob Nicholson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who presented Boggio and

Edwards with honorary certificates. These certificates further emphasize the significant contributions all

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The Fort Erie Optimist Club honored its volunteers last Tuesday during a ceremony at the service organization's club house on Gilmore Road. From left, Mayor Wayne Redekop celebrated with Margaret Taras, of St. George Catholic Elementary School, Isaac Sisler, of Peace Bridge Public School, Mikalile Clarkson, of St. Joseph School and Optimist Club president Dan St. Michel.

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Doreen Sarti Special to The Times

Students celebrate victory at public speaking contest

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 received 100 local schools to participate in the 2015 Youth Education Public Speaking Contest. First place in the primary category went to Celia Ruegg for her speech, The Day in the Life of a Cat. First place in the junior category went to Tucker Wood for his speech entitled Why Good Students Should Get Paid for Their Good Grades. First place in the intermediate category went to Zach Tyrrell, who spoke about bubblegum.



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Two dancers perform the Pista sa Nayon (Barrio/ Town Fiesta Dance) during the Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara's open house that was part of the Niagara Folks Arts Festival Sunday. The festival continues until May 31 and ends with a parade downtown and a celebration at Montebello Park in St. Catharines.

Festival hits the mark

Julie Jocsak
Postmedia Network

After 47 years, the Niagara Folk Arts Festival knows a thing or two about showing people a good time.

"We had some successful preliminary events, like the cultural culinary crawl of downtown restaurants. We had a group of about 60 people and an excellent Ambassador's Ball and a great citizenship ceremony where we swore in 30 new citizens," said festival executive director Jeff Burch.

The festival opened May 16 in St. Catharines and will end with a parade and celebration in Montebello Park May 31. Throughout those two weeks, 27 open houses around the city feature the variety of cultural events in Niagara.

Each open house usually offers traditional entertainment, food, clothing and art from that culture. It's one of Canada's longest continually running heritage festivals.

This year, though, a few adjustments were made.

"We changed the festival around a little bit so it is a little later and it finishes up on the last weekend of May with some new events that we planned," said Burch.

"It's a little bit more from last year. We've had some new entries. Some clubs didn't have one this

year, such as the Netherlands, but there are new clubs coming in so that is a healthy sign for the future of the festival."

Some of those new events include revisiting the past.

"On Friday the 29th, we have the Jump Up in Market Square. That's a reggae night with Caribbean barbecue," said Burch.

"We are bringing it back. It is a nostalgic event—years ago, they started the festival with a jump Up."

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A young girl peers out from behind the curtain on stage during the Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara's open house that was part of the Niagara Folks Arts Festival in St. Catharines.

Festival to conclude at the end of May

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Festival and the new Performing Arts Centre.

That event will begin at 6 p.m., reggae and ska bands will entertain the crowd and barbecue will be the menu.

In addition, aboriginal dancers from Brantford will move into Montebello Park the following day.

"On Saturday, we have native Canadian programming coming in called the White Pine Dancers. They are a group of about 20 and there will be a teepee set up in Montebello Park and native Canadian dancing on the stage and programming for children throughout the day," said Burch.

The day will be full of activities and entertainment following the aboriginal theme with arts and crafts, First Nations food, drumming and dancing, a talking circle and storytelling.

The dancers are the first result of the partnership between the Folk Arts

"We started last year with the partnership with the Performing Arts Centre. They are actually hosting the White Pine Dancers this year. That's the Performing Arts part of the Festival," said Burch.

"We are hoping that the partnership grows. We think it is a good direction for the festival to head."

Burch hopes next year will be the first time that events from the festival are held at the new Performing Arts Centre, which should be open then.

"That will allow us to have an indoor and outdoor festival, and the venues in there will be programs with multicultural entertainment," said Burch.

The festival wraps up May 31 in Montebello Park with entertainment from all the different clubs represented.

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Introducing... the Circle of Excellence

While we like to continue traditions with a nod to the past, we are also always striving to find ways to improve our local program and strengthen its connection to the community. In that spirit, we are thrilled to introduce a new category to the 2015 Fort Erie Communities-in-Bloom local competition—the Circle of Excellence.

This was based on feedback from longtime CIB repeat winners who felt strongly about creating additional opportunities for more residents to enter and increase their chances of winning. The purpose of the Circle of Excellence is to recognize and honour those who have excelled in the Communities-in-Bloom program over the years, such that they may serve as an example and mentor to other participants. Those invited to enter will be previous 1st place winners (those who have garnered three 1st place wins and those who have previously won 1st place but haven't participated in the last few years).

The Circle of Excellence will be divided into 2 categories: small and large. The 'small' category includes vegetable gardens and window boxes or planters while single residences or residential neighbourhoods would be in the 'large' category. All properties will be judged by a national and international judge, and participants will receive written feedback. The judging criteria will mirror the national judging criteria.

Circle of Excellence invitees will have an opportunity to mentor other entrants in the local program in upcoming years. They will also have an oppor-



tunity to participate as a judge in the regular local program the following year.

One winner will be selected from each category, and be honoured with a beautiful granite award, designed specifically by Circle of Excellence sponsor Kirkpatrick Monuments.

We think this new initiative will enhance our local program—offering previous 1st place winners a heightened recognition of their achievements, a chance to mentor new participants and serve as inspiration and helping them to further extend community pride and working together.

Gabrielle Todd is Vice-Chair of Communities in Bloom



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Cops and kids tackle the great outdoors

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Postmedia Network

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"It is the opportunity of a lifetime," said Spencer Boyce, 15, after taking part in the Niagara Regional Police Service's annual Camp Medeba trip. "The message was we can conquer anything."

About 50 high school students from both the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic School Board took part in the activity, which is held in conjunction with Police Week.

The cops and kids spent three days in West Gwillimby zip lining, rope climbing and participating in team building exercises last week.

"I'm tired and a bit sore — but I pushed my limits and got a lot of encouragement," said Boyd, a Welland Centennial student. "We learned a lot in three days."

The activities are designed to develop communication, trust, co-operation and team building skills, Const. Sean Sandel said.

"It was my first time and I was impressed," Sandel said. "The transformation in some of the kids was amazing. We are trying to help these kids get some self-confidence and give them the opportunity to try something new."

"Some are really shy or have had minor run-ins with the police, but they were all out there encouraging each other — yelling, screaming, clapping. It was great," he said.

The event is sponsored by Action Cops and Kids, an organization with a Niagara chapter that funds programs that brings law enforcement and teens together and creates an environment of mutual understanding and respect.

"Some of these kids are struggling a bit, and this gives them a boost," Sandel said. "I was impressed with the kids. I think it is a great program."

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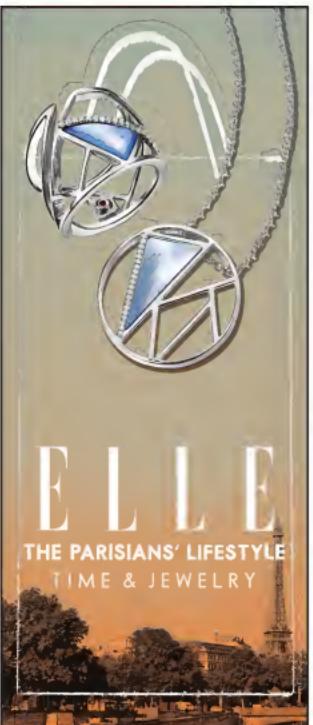
A brick for such a dirty office. This brick is also for my co-workers who refuse to clean up after themselves. When I come into work, I don't want to feel like I am cleaning up after my children. When you dirty a dish, you should wash it. When you resopuldes in the microwave, you should clean it. When you leave tupperware with questionable food in it, you should clean it up. This is so disgusting. I am tired of going to work and cleaning up after children and then going home to clean up after my children. You are such slobs and you don't even realize it.

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The Niagara Region is currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of plum pox virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Niagara quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

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File photo of a DSBN school closure report recommendation meeting.

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DSBN seeks your feedback on closure process

Don Fraser
Postmedia Network

Tuesday, when an accommodation review on a school is started, affected municipalities will now be contacted within five days to start discussions.

New rules also mean a much shorter ARC timeline, to three months from six.

The District School Board of Niagara wants your comments on a new policy for school closure reviews.

Draft accommodation review guidelines were approved by the board at last

Tuesday's meeting. It's part of a provincial

directive to all Ontario boards to revise

their accommodation review process.

Those are the steps which must be followed before a school board can decide

to close a school.

The education ministry feels the existing

system has been too arduous, takes too long

and is not reflective of

municipalities' concerns.

Those revised "pupil accommodation

review guidelines" — to be incorporated

by draft DSBN rules and incorporating

public input — must include more

emphasis on student achievement, and

less on the impact of a shutdown to the

community.

Extra pre-planning by the board before

a review begins is also required, and there

must be involvement with affected

municipal governments.

According to a DSBN program and

planning committee report received

Twenty Valley, Harriet Tubman and a Ridgeview school.

Four high schools have been closed, with a new Greater Fort Erie secondary school to open in 2017.

The draft ARC policy is on the DSBN

website dsbn.on.ca for comment until June

3. A new policy will be voted on at a June 22 board meeting.

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St. Catharines serves as backdrop for TVOKids

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St. Catharines was the backdrop for an upcoming

episode of a new series to be aired on TVOKids.

Two-time Grey Cup champion John Williams

is featured on Sports Lab, a series being produced by TVOKids that applies scientific principles to

sports.

"Today, we are having John Williams show how to throw a spiral. And then we

have a sports scientist in a lab setting who breaks it down in a cool, visual way," co-producer Francis Mitchell, said Saturday.

Also included in the episode is John Serrano, a player with the Niagara Spears football team and show host Nykeem Provo.

Mitchell nods in the direction of the shoot and explains, "This section is called Meet the Pro. The point of Meet the Pro is ask, 'Can you show us a spiral?'

"And then John will demonstrate the spiral and we shoot it in slow motion in cool ways and we break that down through science. Why is this happening? Well, it cuts through the air so quickly."

This episode was taped at the Kiwanis Field behind the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre. From there, the show cuts to a lab where a scientist will explain the scientific principles behind why a spiral cuts through the air so quickly.

"I think it's good to go beyond the scientific principles that we are teaching in a fun visual way. It's all about getting active. It's about activity and sports," said

Mitchell.

The show, currently in its first season, is a family affair for the Mitchells. John Mitchell, Francis's younger brother, died in 2011 and their father, David, is co-producer.

"It's going to be a really positive show. It's encouraging kids to get out there," he said.

TVOKids models its shows after the Ontario school curriculum, and Sports Lab aims to not only pique kids' interest in sports, broaden their knowledge of sport and science but also to encourage them to try new sports.

The show also opens kids' eyes to the different careers that are offered in various sports.

"I thought initially that we were going to have to double up on sports, but we are going to have 26 different sports. We've done everything from sledge hockey to baseball, skateboard, horse dressage, soccer, basketball, figure skating," said Mitchell. "Last week was cool, we did lacrosse at Six Nations." The episode shot in St. Catharines will air June 22 at 6:30 p.m. on TVO.



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Niagara Region councillors call for increase spending on roads

Rob Houle
Postmedia Network

The state of our roads are bad for business — in more ways than one.

Poor roads are not only harsh on company fleets, they go a long way in turning off tourists, Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bob Gale says.

Gale made the comments during the tabling of a pavement condition and bridge appraisal status report at Niagara Region's public works committee meeting last Thursday morning.

Gale singled out the industrial area of Port Weller on Lakeshore Rd., near the St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake border as one in which business owners avoid.

"You would not buy into that if you were truckers," Gale said, picking up on earlier comments from Niagara-on-the-Lake

regional Coun. Gary Burroughs about the decrepit state of Lakeshore Rd.

"Businesses have to come down Lakeshore Rd., which is one of your worst roads, turn on St. Catharines Rd. to get to the highway... you follow that road down and you're going through the roof of Niagara-on-the-Lake into St. Catharines.

"We should be taking some money out of the investments we have... or maybe some of our economic development can be put into our roads," Gale said.

The report notes \$250 million will be needed over the next 10 years to maintain the 1,654 lane kilometers of paved roads, meaning a yearly average of \$16 million for reconstruction and \$9 million for resurfacing. The roads resurfacing allocation for 2015 is \$7 million, well short of the \$14 million the staff report says is needed to

"Roads are tourism," Gale said.

"If you're in a car, it's deplorable," he said, describing a route down Dominion Rd. in Fort Erie and Stanley Ave, or the Niagara Parkway in Niagara Falls and Lakeshore Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake into St. Catharines.

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address the current backlog. A chart in the report giving the hypothetical scenario of what a \$100 million roads budget would see in \$101 million spent on road reconstruction in 2015 and \$14 million on resurfacing.

St. Catharines regional Coun. Bruce Timms called on fellow councillors to increase spending on roads.

"The council needs to consider shifting emphasis in budget considerations to roads and bridges, given that our regional network is the arterial roads and the major infrastructure for our prosperity," Timms said. "Good arterial roads are very big consideration for businesses coming into our region and we can't afford to let them get too far deteriorated. They are, to me, a higher priority."

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Police turn to website to catch suspects

Allan Benner
Postmedia Network

They may not be Niagara's Most Wanted.

But they're wanted, nonetheless.

One man is wanted for breach of probation, another man is sought for trespassing at night, and another is wanted for stealing a motor vehicle.

Meanwhile, the photograph of a man suspected of ripping off a vending machine cashbox at Brock University, as well as photographs of a couple suspected of shoplifting at a Sobeys Store in Grimsby adorn the Niagara Regional Police website.

They're all part of a new NRP program called Wanted Wednesdays.

The program includes two

initiatives that were launched concurrently last Wednesday, hoping to elicit support from Niagara residents to help police track down the suspects, said NRPS media relations officer Const. Phil Gavin, program facilitator.

The first initiative is called Niagara's Wanted, listing information about identifiable suspects on the NRP's website – www.niagrapolice.ca.

"Niagara's Wanted is essentially using booking photos and booking information of a known person, and we're putting it out there," he said.

It's similar to a program from 2008 called Niagara's Most Wanted, that didn't live up to expectations. But since social media websites have become more popular than they were seven years ago, Gavin said

police have "kind of rejigged" that initiative hoping it will be more successful now.

Gavin said the word "most" was omitted from the title for the program's relaunch because "all the instances are important, and what makes one more important than the other?"

The second initiative, called Caught on Camera, includes images of suspects from closed-circuit TV posted on the website, "to try and identify people who are involved in investigations."

Although the crimes included in the program may not necessarily be serious in nature, Gavin said serious crimes and major instances will still be reported through issuing media releases.

He said the program gives police an opportunity to reach out to the community, if suspects cannot be identified

through normal investigative measures.

"We're still going to make that attempt to identify people internally first, because even though people may have done something there's still a consideration for privacy," Gavin said. "When that proves to not be successful, that's where we'll start."

Another factor taken into consideration is the age of the suspect to ensure it complies with the Young Offenders Act. If the age of a suspect is questionable, Gavin said police will err on the side of caution and opt against posting the photograph.

He said Wanted Wednesdays information will be updated each week.

"We want to see a good response," Gavin said. "I look back at other instances where we've put out images of people who were wanted around public areas, rallies around those areas. It doesn't take long for them to be identified. It's our belief that the public will rally around this and take an interest in it, and help support the initiative."

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Rio Vista Retirees

Tony Vanderkley
Special to The Times

We had been getting used to a summer-like spring but last Wednesday morning our retirees had to cope with a nasty breeze and chilly conditions.

Beers can't be choosers and there still was a pretty good turnout of 47 eager guys.

Last week's format was the popular scramble play in which each player must have at least two drivers on their team score. There were extra points for winners of the hidden hole.

The 50/50 draw was won by Barney

James and the mystery prize went to Bob Chapman.

The scores last week were good and first place with a net of 23.66 went to the team of Romeo Denomme, Nick Langelaan and Harry Bissel.

Second place with a net of 24.33 went to the team of Al Plato, Dennis Ferdinand, Bill Pronk and Len McLellan.

Three teams tied for third place with a net 25.75.

The number six hole was the hidden hole.

This week was a regular format again but results were not available before press time.



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MAY 21

Film at the Library

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Knitting for Kids

Women of the Bowen Road Women's institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They will teach you how to knit, who would like to learn. They will go to the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Thursday, May 28th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Knitting supplies will provide all the needles and yarn needed—just bring your curiosity. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch, 6:30 p.m.

MAY 23

Therapy Talks: Tell Tales

Come and read to the Therapy Tales! Does your child have a bit of trouble reading? Is your child fearful of dogs? This program is perfect for you. Research shows that kids who are read to from birth to age four, develop better reading skills. The Therapy Tales dogs are the best listeners. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch, 4 p.m.

MAY 25

Lego and Loom

Calling all Makers! Whether it's the Rainbow Loom or Legos, we have what you need. If you've got what you need to make it, if you have your own room, please bring it along. Registration is required. All ages. Younger ages may need personal assistance with the Rainbow Loom. For more, Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stories for two and three

Children are learning language and other important skills from the time they are infants. Developing these early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school. Join us for reading, writing, talking, listening, and singing to introduce healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations. For ages 1.5 to 5 years. Fort Erie Public Library Stevesville branch, 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

MAY 26

Harry Potter club

Herbology class is in session! It's time to plant our magical greens and see what comes up. All supplies and registration needed. \$2. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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MAY 28

Teen Lounge

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MAY 30

Friends' BBQ at Sobeys

Friends of the library will be holding a fundraising barbecue on Saturday, May 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Erie Sobeys, 4499 10th Street, Fort Erie. To register, join us for hot dogs and hamburgers, and help support your local library.

JUNE 2

Family time

Join us for an interactive and fun story adventure, presented in partnership with the Parenting and Early Childhood Resource Centre. Story songs and rhymes, plus activities and playtime for all ages - babies to age 5. Free. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

JUNE 4

Healthy Puppy

Jumping, reading, and reading. Learn how to read and teach your child to read. Come and read to the Therapy Tales! Dogs to help you make wise choices about the foods you eat. Fort Erie YWCA, 1 1/2 10th Street, Fort Erie. Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7621 for more information.

ONGOING

Diabetes hot topics

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Diabetes and Activity, Thursday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jeopardy. The workshop will be held at Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. For more information call Bridges at 905-871-7621.

Grocery store tour

Discover how to choose healthy grocery items, prepare and shop on a budget. Call us to be placed on a waiting list.

Healthy you!

A monthly support group led by a registered dietitian for individuals who have taken the Healthy You program. Participants will build skills to contribute to nutritious, healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations. For ages 18 to 25 years. Fort Erie Public Library Garrison branch, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Euchre card league

Every Tuesday at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. The league is a weekly fundraiser for Niagara Action for Animals. For more information call 905-871-7621.

Lifeline cafe

Each week, people gather to discuss different topics to help them live a better life. No cost. No cooking experience necessary. Tuesday, May 26, 2015, June 16, 2015, to 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to the 60 minute event is free. Lifeline Cafe is located at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11, 209 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgewood.

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KEEPING DATES AWAY

National and lifestyle management strategies to help delay or prevent diabetes. Wednesday, May 27, June 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. For more information call 905-871-7621.

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You can quit

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Speculative fiction

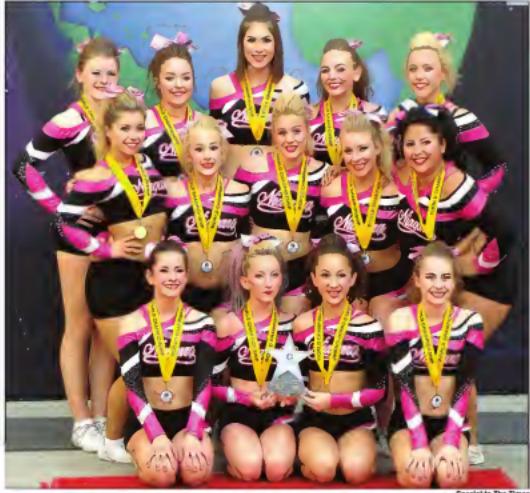
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The event is held on the second Thursday of each month. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge branch, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Special to The Times
Niagara Cheerleading's Famous squad won the Small Senior Level 5 Division at the National Cheerleading Championships at the Powerade Centre in Brampton.

Famous caps season with national crown

Bernie Puchalski
Postmedia Network

Niagara Cheerleading's Famous team lived up to its billing.

The squad, which won a bid to represent Canada at the World Cheerleading Championships held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., at the end of April, recently won the Small Senior Level 5 Division at the National Cheerleading Championships held at the Powerade Centre in Brampton.

"This team is young and all but three members were new to the team this year," said

Amanda-Elise D'Amboise, Niagara Cheerleading's co-owner, program director, head coach and choreographer. "The team had to work very hard to achieve this season and stepped up."

D'Amboise felt the high point of the season was seeing the team come together.

"This team is truly a family and works together so well."

The Canadian title capped a strong season for Famous. It also placed first at the Cheer Expo Championships in Halifax, N.S., and placed 25th in its division at the world championships.

The 14-member team is made up of athletes from across the

Niagara Region and practises five hours a week, not counting additional training in tumbling. Tryouts for the team will be held Wednesday, May 27 at the club located in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Members of the team are Kayla DiStefano, Jade Fraser, Emma Janzen and Sadie Roberto from Niagara Falls; Alyssa Ashbaugh from Fort Erie; Katherine Jones, Jillian Demers, Jaelyn Willick, Cassandra Smith, Rebekka Guenther, Angie Zapata and Amanda Matz from St Catharines; Julia McAninch from Welland; and Taylor Caldwell from Port Colborne.

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Harold Maracle 'honoured' to be Sports Wall of Fame inductee

Annie Pasquarotto
Special to The Times

These days you may find 65-year-old Harold Maracle on the golf course, although he is more well-known for his accomplishments in baseball and hockey.

As an inductee into this year's Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame, Maracle says he feels honoured to be part of the list.

His sports career started as a child skating on the Bay of Quinte with children older than him where he learned quickly to keep up with the "big boys."

Baseball didn't start much different for Maracle who began playing on the playground and in the parks.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., he has always been a part of the Fort Erie community, playing hockey since his wee-peewee days in town.

With an impressive track record in both sports, Maracle says, "I have always considered myself a hockey

player, but I had more luck in baseball. I won more championships in baseball than I did in hockey."

In hockey, he won numerous awards for being the leading goal scorer as a junior B player, and as an intermediate player.

As a baseball player he was on several championship teams and was invited to the Pittsburgh Pirates tryout camp. He played for the Senior A baseball team, Fort Erie Merchants, and was inducted into their Wall of Fame in 2010.

Not only are Maracle's involvements in community sports on the ice and field, but also off. He was on a committee of five and the vice-president of baseball when they built up Oakes Park.

At the time we had bingos and traveling casinos. With that fundraising we built three diamonds. We put lights on the women's diamond, men's diamond and major boy's diamond.

We also hosted a national championship during our committee's time."

A former coach for baseball and hockey, Maracle was only one of two coaches who coached at Maple Leaf Gardens with a Fort Erie team.

In a community such as Fort Erie, he says getting involved with sports is a great way for youth to interact with kids from other parts of town.

"I've always believed sports are a good educational tool. You learn sportsmanship. You learn how to be a gracious winner and learn how to be a gracious loser," Maracle says. "You learn how to interact and learn how to compete. There is a sense of accomplishment while doing something good."

Maracle isn't the only family with a successful sports career as four generations have all been involved in sports. His father played for the Fort Erie Spears in the late 40s and early 50s, his daughter was a figure skater with the Fort Erie Figure Skating Club, his son has an all Ontario championship to his name in hockey and now his grandchildren are following in the same family footsteps. His granddaughter skates competitively and his grandsons have taken to baseball.

While his golf career may not take off as he says



Special to The Times

Harold Maracle will be inducted into the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame this year.

he is "a little better than a hacker, but not as good as a pro," he still enjoys sports, but from the stands now.

"I sit in the stands and watch my grandkids. It's more enjoyable to sit back and watch them."

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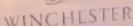
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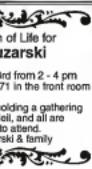
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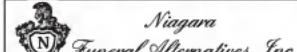
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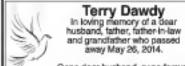
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In loving memory of our special
Grandfather
Domenic "Papa" Meli

One year ago we lost you, but you will
forever be close to our hearts.
We miss seeing your smile Papa!
We miss you and we love you!

Love Samantha, Madison and Aaron
XXX



Terry Dawdy
In memory of our dear
husband, father, son-in-law
and grandfather who passed
away May 26, 2014.

Gone clear husband, gone forever
Holding your smiling face
But you left us to remember

No one on earth can take your place
A happy home was once your home
Holding those precious memories still
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill

We love and miss you so very much.
Lovingly remembered by our son, John,
Chad, daughter-in-laws Eryn and Mara,
Grandsons Taylor, Drew, and Lennon.

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